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Phase II Sanitary Sewer System Update

Introduction

After several years of negotiations between East Coventry Township and the North Coventry Municipal Authority (NCMA), an agreement was signed in 2004 that supplied East Coventry Township with the first-ever public sanitary sewer service. The Township Board of Supervisors, working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, established the northern half of the Township as a “growth” area to be provided with public sewer service. The dividing line for public sewer service follows Bickel’s Run and Pigeon Creek, running from east to west across the Township. Those residents located south of this dividing line will continue to use on-lot septic systems for sewage disposal.

The first phase of the implementation of public sewage service to this northern Township “growth” area is the Phase I Sanitary Sewer System. The system was paid for entirely by developers and is currently operating. The system serves 800 new homes.

The second phase of the implementation of public sewage service is the Phase II Sanitary Sewer System. The Phase II System is currently under design to provide service to approximately 220 existing homes in the Earl Drive, East Cedarville, Schoolhouse Road and Buckwalter Road neighborhoods. A project map is attached for your convenience.

The Township expects design to be complete by early summer 2006 with construction to begin shortly thereafter. Construction will take approximately 15 to 18 months. Therefore, residents in the project area may connect to the Phase II Sewer System in late 2007 or early 2008.

Quick Facts

Total Phase II System Cost: Approximately \$5,500,000

Phase II System Costs to Homeowner (direct Township fees):

Connection Fee (payable at time of hookup):	\$5,000
Quarterly Sewer Use Charge:	\$ 160 (\$640/year)
Inspection Fee (one-time charge):	\$ 150
Permit Fee (one-time charge):	\$ 50

Phase II System Costs to Homeowner (installation costs):

Plumbing installation to connect home to sewer:	Depends on individual home
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Installation Inspections / Construction Specifications

Inspections conducted by Township's 3rd party Building Inspector.

Construction specifications are available at Township building or www.eastcoventry-pa.gov

Connection Requirement

Homes located within 150' of the sewer main shall be required to connect to the Phase II Sewer System.

On-Lot System Maintenance

Prior to connection to the Phase II Sewer System, homeowners are advised to have their systems pumped by a licensed sewage hauler at least once every three years or more frequently based on the condition of the system.

Following connection to the Phase II Sewer System, homeowners are required to close and disinfect their on-lot sewage system with the assistance of a plumber or licensed sewage hauling company.

Grinder Pumps

Certain low-lying homes in the project area may require a grinder pump. A grinder pump literally pumps waste from a low-lying home to the sewer main. The final Phase II Sewer System design will determine the need for grinder pumps for specific homes in the project area.

Public Water Availability

The Township is working with Pennsylvania American Water to extend public water service to the project area. PA American Water is a private water company and is currently supplying public water to the new residential neighborhoods in the northern portion of the Township. Homeowners are not required to hookup to public water.

Homeowner Financing

The Township is working with local banks to provide financing assistance to homeowners in the project area. Loans may be available for the costs associated with public sewer installation. The Township will facilitate public meetings at the Township building with local banks to provide information to homeowners interested in financing the cost of public sewer installation. The meetings will be advertised several weeks in advance and will occur in the near future.

Phase II Sewer Project Updates

During construction, a weekly project update will be available on the Township's website at www.eastcoventry-pa.gov. If you do not have internet access, please stop by the Township building, attend a Board of Supervisors meeting or call Township Manager Casey LaLonde at 610-495-5443 x 100 for project updates.

Project Location

The following locations are included in the Phase II Sewer System project:

Earl Drive	(entire street)
Spring Creek Lane	(entire street)
Brownstone Drive	(entire street)
Springhouse Lane	(entire street)
Buckwalter Road	(entire street)
Country Lane	(entire street)
Tisa Lane	(entire street)
Spiece Road	(from E. Cedarville Road to Old Schuylkill Road)
E. Cedarville Road	(1600 block through the 2000 block)
Harley Road	(00 block through the 200 block)
Schoolhouse Road	(100 block through the 400 block)

POTTSTOWN QUADRANGLE

PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

PHOENIXVILLE QUADRANGLE

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PROJECT SITE
INCLUDES SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION
IN THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

East Cedarville Road, Spiece Road, Country Lane, Brownstone Drive,
Spring House Lane, Spring Creek Lane, Earl Drive, Tisa Lane,
Schoolhouse Road, Harley Road, Saw Mill Road, Buckwalter Road
and Drainage Channel from Buckwalter Road to Pigeon Creek

